



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Tres Rios Field Office  
29211 Highway 184  
Dolores, Colorado 81323



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January \_\_, 2013

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office is accepting comments on a proposal to allow **XYZ COMPANY**, to explore the federally-owned minerals held by lease in XXX County. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities.

The BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed action and alternatives to that action:

- What: Natural gas well - Hamm Canyon Fed 20-44-45-18; T45N, R18W, NW SW ¼ of Section 21
- Where: Access to the site would be from the town of Basin, Colorado on State Highway 141 via San Miguel County Roads 29U and 16Z plus an approximately 2.2 mile section of BLM 2-track (please see attached map).
- Disturbance: a) Well location would be approximately 4 acres during construction and will be reclaimed to about one acre during production operations.  
b) Access would be via a(n) **new/existing** 35 feet wide right-of-way which would accommodate a 20-foot wide improved road and an adjacent 6-inch surface pipeline and would involve approximately XX acres (xx on federal, xx on private). Although CR 16Z is a county road, it would have to be improved to resource-road standards. The total distance of road improvements would be approximately 7 miles (4.8 miles on CR 16Z and 2.2 miles of BLM 2-track).
- When: Drilling and completion of the well would take about 45 days. The construction is anticipated to begin in late summer of 2013 and should be completed by late fall 2013.

The purpose of and need for this action is **XXXX**

Comment regarding the project should be submitted via email or hard copy by \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office  
Attn: Robert Garrigues  
29211 Highway 192,  
Dolores, CO 81323  
or [rgarrigues@blm.gov](mailto:rgarrigues@blm.gov).

If you have questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact Robert Garrigues, BLM Natural Resource Specialist, at (970) 882-6845. Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project,

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including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submission from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Connie Clementson  
Field Manager - Tres Rios Field Office

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